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**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated December 20, 2002. This response is being along with a one month extension of time. In addition, since the number of independent and dependent claims have not been increased, no additional filing fees are necessary.

**In the Claims:**

Please replace claim 1 with the following:

1. (Amended) A tool for aiding the removal of a fastening member from a structure to which it is attached by means of a threaded connection, the tool comprising: an elongate body member (30) having first and second ends, the first end having means (31) for deforming an end face of the fastening member to provide an area of purchase thereon; and means (44) to cause rotation of the

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